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FCC IMPOSES FORFEITURE OF \$133,000 AGAINST CALLAIS CABLEVISION, INC., FOR CABLE LEAKAGE AND EAS VIOLATIONS

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Washington, D.C.—Today the Federal Communications Commission released a Forfeiture Order in the amount of \$133,000 against Callais Cablevision, Inc., Grand Isle, Louisiana, for violations involving important public safety requirements. These violations are: repeated violations of 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.605(a)(12), 76.611(a) and 76.612, which protect aeronautical safety communications from interference caused by leakage from cable systems (\$125,000); and willful violation of 47 C.F.R. §11.11, which requires cable systems to install the Emergency Alert System (EAS) equipment needed to transmit national emergency messages (\$8,000).

This action follows a complaint from the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") about interference to the operation of the FAA's Remote Communication Air Ground facility in Grand Isle, Louisiana, and a subsequent investigation by FCC agents.

Action by the Commission on November 4, 2002, by Order (FCC 02-300): Chairman Powell, Commissioner Abernathy, Commissioner Copps, and Commissioner Martin.

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